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Applicants: **Alfred H. Merrill, Jr. et al.**

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For: **METHOD OF ALTERING SPHINGOLIPID METABOLISM AND
DETECTING FUMONISIN INGESTION AND CONTAMINATION**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on January 31, 2003, in the above-identified application be extended for two (2) months, to and including April 30, 2003. A check in the amount of \$205.00 is included to cover this fee. Please charge any additional fees required for this extension or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

Respectfully submitted,

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